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SUBJ: AIFLD EXPULSION

REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 2551, (B) SAN SALVADOR 2639

1. IN A MEETING WITH PRES MOLINA JULY 9, I AGAIN BROUGHT UP THE MATTER OF AIFLD AND MET WITH THE SAME QUIET BUT FIRM RESPONSE. IN OUR PREVIOUS MEETING, (REF A) I HAD TOLD HIM IN SOME DETAIL THAT THERE WAS DANGER OF MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE MOE IN THE US., THAT INDEED ELEMENTS IN OUR CONGRESS MIGHT MAKE INQUIRY. HE WAS SORRY TO KNOW THAT THERE MIGHT BE A STIR BUT HE EMPHASIZED THE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE NATURE OF AGRICULTURAL REFORM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE TO EL SALVADOR, AND HE MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT DECISIONS IN THE ARE WOULD BE EXCLUSIVELY SALVADORAN.

2. COMMENT: I BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING POINTS MUST BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN CONSIDERING THIS MATTER.

(1) WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY REPORTED THE DELICACY OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CAMPESINO. ONCE THE STAGE OF ISSUE ORIENTATION

WAS REACHED, WITH MEETINGS, MOBILIZATIONS, ETC., THE GOVT FELT THAT MATTERS WERE GETTING OUT OF HAND, AND IT ACTED.

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(2) THIS GOVT BILLS ITSELF AS NATIONALIST. IT SAW WHAT IT

CONSIDERED TO BE FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN AN INTERNAL MATTER, AND IT REACTED PREDICTABLY. FURTHERMORE, IT IS HIGHLY DEBATABLE THAT AIFLD'S PRESENCE WAS A SPUR TO AGRARIAN REFORM; BEING A FOREIGN INFLUENCE, IT MIGHT WELL HAVE HAD AN OPPOSITE EFFECT.

(3) THE MEMORY OF THE CAMPESINO UTRISING OF 1932 (SEE MATANZA, BY OHOMAS ANDERSON, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA PRESS, 1971) IS VIVID IN MANY MINDS.

(4) THE AIFLD-UCS LINK WAS FORMED IN THE SANCHEZ ADMINISTRATION, AND MOLINA FEELS NO COMMITMENT TO ITS PERPETUATITN, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE FEELS IT COMPLICATES AN ALREADY DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

3. I HAVE NOW MET WITH THE FORNMIN ONCE, THE PRES TWICE AND THE MINLAB THREE TIMES ON THIS SUBJECT. MY FIRM AND CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT IS THAT IT IS IN THE OVERALL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES TO DESIST FROM FURTHER EFFORTS.  
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